

Dear AFRL,

Cost data may be found in a variety of materials, from journal articles to Department of Defense Appropriations bills submitted to Congress. Some of these materials may not be the most accessible or easy to work with when you want analysis or look-up capabilities. Happily we have a series in Reference that may be helpful:

- Military Cost Handbook, Call No.: U104 .M52
- U.S. Military Aircraft Data Book, Call No.: UG1243 .U55
- U.S. Missile Data Book, Call No.: UG1313 .U54
- U.S. Weapon Systems Costs, Call No.: UF503 .U54

The latest editions are in the Reference area. Older issues are on the third floor and are available for checkout.

For example, in the U.S. Military Aircraft Data Book, there are “...descriptions, programmatic, technical characteristics and program costs for 26 United States aircraft and helicopters” (Section One). In Section Two, you will find only the major aircraft that are currently being developed or have been in production over the last five years. Section Three contains Historical Aircraft Systems. Section Four provides statistical aids such as Cost Estimating Relationships and the cost to Government for a system over its full life. Unmanned Aircraft Systems are the focus of Section Five. Total UAS costs are shown as well as cost by System, e.g. Predator, Pioneer, etc.

The Appendices contain a useful Glossary, a DoD Deflators chart (numerical indices used to make prices comparable through time), aircraft designations, mission symbols and Manufacturer and Contractor's Symbols.

These materials form a good starting platform. One on which you can build with confidence.